I have seen a documentary where a woman who lost her husband was developing a strong attachment to a dog robot. This way of imagining technology as a replacement for real emotional connection worries me and I think is very sad. I really like how in these future care roles, technology is instead used as a support which enhances humans relationships and creates more time for the carer to spend with the person while the robot does functional, dull tasks.

The green colour reminds me of NHS uniforms. These look more up to date and less institutional, it is something I would wear!

When I will be in my nineties and maybe not be able to walk anymore, I would love to use virtual goggles to explore another space or to see friends and family who are far. It would be much better than staring at the ceiling. It is easy to view virtual reality in a negative way when it is used by teenagers who have all their physical and mental capabilities. But I believe it has positive outcomes if it is used by someone who is limited in their physical and mental capabilities.

The reaction to the future staff roles was very positive. Many pointed out that when they think about technological advances, they usually think about their negative aspects. For example the risk that technology might replace people in the emotional and relational aspect of care. The future roles we presented made people think of technology in a different way and they had a very positive response towards envisioning future technology as a tool that is able to free up space for carers to have more qualitative time to spend with people receiving care. It was interesting to notice how many it was a new thought to imagine a future in which technology plays this role.